

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of monitoring a condition of an animal, the animal having a visually observable tissue, the method comprising

selecting a monitoring material for introduction into the animal, wherein the monitoring material is a material selected from the group comprising a naturally weak organism, an attenuated virus, a fungus and a bacteria, wherein the material is tagged with a color

selecting a method of introducing the monitoring material into the animal

selecting at least one site on the animal for introducing the monitoring material

introducing the monitoring material into the animal at the selected sites, wherein as a result of the introduction of the monitoring material, a visually ascertainable indication of a status of the condition of the animal appears in at least one pre-defined site on the animal, wherein introducing the monitoring material is effected by a process selected from the group comprising injecting under the skin, implantation and transplantation

monitoring the visually ascertainable indication wherein the monitoring is not diagnosing

observing the visually ascertainable indication to thereby visually ascertain the status of the condition

wherein the visually ascertainable indication is a reversible change in color of the monitoring material.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 further comprising ~~selecting a method of~~ localizing the monitoring material.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1, wherein animal

has a nail tissue, and the site is under the nail tissue.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1, wherein animal has a mouth, and the site is within the mouth.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 4, wherein the mouth includes at least one tooth, and the site is on the tooth.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 4, wherein the mouth includes a cheek, and the site is the cheek.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 further comprising selecting a condition to monitor.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 wherein the site is ~~easily monitored~~ visually ascertainable.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 wherein the monitoring material is selected from the group consisting of: organic materials and inorganic materials.

Claim 10 (Canceled):

Claim 11 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 wherein the monitoring material is comprised in a lotion, and the step of introducing the monitoring material comprises applying the lotion to the animal's skin.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 wherein the step of selecting at least one site comprises selecting sites which are relatively hairless.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 wherein the step of selecting at least one site comprises selecting sites which are relatively free of blemish.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 further comprising preparing the sites for introducing the monitoring material.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 1 wherein the steps of (a) selecting a monitoring material, (b) selecting a method of introducing and (c) selecting at least one site are performed in the order (b), (c), (a).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A method of monitoring a condition of an animal, the animal having a visually observable tissue, the method comprising

selecting a monitoring material for introduction into the animal, wherein the monitoring material is a material selected from the group comprising a naturally weak organism, an attenuated virus, a fungus and a bacteria, wherein the material is tagged with a color

selecting a method of introducing the monitoring material into the animal

selecting at least one site on the animal for introducing the monitoring material

introducing the monitoring material into the animal at the selected sites, wherein as a result of the introduction of the monitoring material, a visually ascertainable indication of a status of the condition appearing on the tissue, wherein introducing the monitoring material is effected by a process selected from the group comprising injecting under the skin, implantation and transplantation
monitoring the visually ascertainable indication wherein monitoring is not diagnosing
observing the indication to thereby visually ascertain the status of the condition
wherein the indication is a reversible change in color of the monitoring material.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 16 further comprising selecting a condition to monitor.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 16 wherein the monitoring material is selected from the group consisting of: living tissues, organic materials and inorganic materials.

Claim 19 (Canceled):

Claim 20 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 16 wherein the monitoring material is comprised in a lotion, and the step of introducing the monitoring material comprises applying the lotion to the animal's skin.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 16 wherein the step of selecting at least one site comprises selecting sites which are relatively hairless.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 16 wherein the step of selecting at least one site comprises selecting sites which are relatively free of blemish.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of monitoring a condition of an animal of claim 16 further comprising preparing the sites for introducing the monitoring material.

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A method of monitoring a condition of an animal, the animal having a visually observable tissue, the method comprising

selecting at least one site on the animal

introducing a monitoring material into the animal at the selected sites, wherein the monitoring material is a material selected from the group comprising a naturally weak organism, an attenuated virus, a fungus and a bacteria, wherein the material is tagged with a color, wherein introducing the monitoring material is effected by a process selected from the group comprising injecting under the skin, implantation and transplantation

monitoring the color at the selected sites, wherein monitoring is not diagnosing

~~periodically~~ observing the selected sites to thereby visually ascertain the status of the condition, wherein as a result of the ~~implantation~~ introduction of the monitoring material, a visually ascertainable indication of a status of the condition appears on the animal's skin

wherein if the status of the condition is normal, then the selected site has a first appearance

wherein if the status of the condition is changed a small amount from normal, then the selected site has a second appearance which appears to be a small change from the first appearance

wherein if the status of the condition changes considerably from normal, then the selected site

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has a third appearance which appears very noticeably different from the first appearance.

Claim 25 (Canceled):

Claim 26 (Original): The method of claim 18 further comprising selecting the condition to monitor.